THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) a Comprehensive Policy Package was announced on 30th August, 2000 which is applicable all over the country including Tamil Nadu. Out of the schemes/programmes which formed part of the policy package, assistance has since been extended in the State of Tamil Nadu through *inter-alia,* the Credit Guarantee Scheme, the Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme, the Scheme of Reimbursement of ISO-9000 Certification Expenses to small scale/ancillary industries, the National Equity Fund Scheme, Marketing assistance through Vendor Development Programme, Buyer-Seller Meets & Exhibitions, the Scheme for setting up of Testing Centres by Industries associations and modernization/expansion of Quality Marking Centres of State Governments and their Autonomous Bodies.

Commission on levy sugar

*266. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not fixed the wholesalers' and retailers' commission on levy sugar under Levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund (LSPEF) after 1997-98;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when a final decision regarding commission on levy sugar would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) On receipt of proposals from the State Governments, the Central Government fixes the margins for wholesalers and retailers for distribution of levy sugar in the Public Distribution System. The margins once fixed continue to be operative till the same are revised. The guidelines for fixation of margins were revised with effect from 1.4.1996 and since then the margins have been revised in the case of the following States for the period indicated against each.

Andhra Pradesh	1999-2000
Bihar	Feb.-March, 2000
Delhi	1996-97

Gujarat	1996-97
Goa	1996-97 (Wholesaler only)
Haryana	1999-2000
Himachal Pradesh	1997-98
Karnataka	1996-97 (except transportation charges)
Kerala	1996-97 (in respect of wholesaler)
Orissa	Feb.-March, 2000
Punjab	1997-98
Rajasthan	1998-99
Tripura	1997-98
Uttar Pradesh	1996-97 (except transportation & Handling charges)
West Bengal	December, 1999-March, 2000

The proposals were also received from the State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Tripura for revision of margins. On scrutiny of the proposals, certain clarifications and documents were asked for from the State Governments. The needful has been done by only one State, *viz.,* Tripura, so far. The replies from the other State Governments are still awaited. Further action to fix the margins in respect of Tripura is being taken.

No proposal for the revision of margins has been received from any of the remaining State Governments.

Health and energy products

*267. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of health and energy products are flooding the market these days;

(b) whether any studies have been conducted on their potentialities; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?